

**European Biofuels Technology Platform
Highlights from the 12th Steering Committee Meeting
held at Copa Cogeca, Brussels
26th June 2008**

The 12th Steering Committee meeting of the EBTP, chaired by Véronique Hervouet, Total, was held on 26 June 2008 in the premises of COPA-COGECA, Brussels. The main outcome from this meeting is summarised below:

Changes in SC composition:

6 SC members have officially resigned from their membership. Two new members elected at the previous meeting were welcomed and invited to present the biofuels R&D related activities of their companies: Martha Heitzmann (Air Liquide / Lurgi, France/Germany) and Steen Skjold-Jørgensen (Novozymes, Denmark/USA). Another 4 members were elected at this meeting and will be invited to the 13th SC meeting: Ricardo Arjona Antolin (Abengoa, already Co-Chair WG 2), Gianpietro Venturi (Prof. at Bologna University & Chair of Italian Biofuels TP), Phil Bowen (Cardiff University), Dirk Carrez (Suschem TP). In addition, Henrik Landälv/Volvo Powertrain was elected to be the new Co-Chair of Working Group 3. The SC members were invited to propose additional SC members with a background underrepresented so far (e.g. NGOs).

Biofuels update:

Presentations and discussions focused on recent biofuels policy developments in the EU and Member States, e.g. the 10 % target for 2020, sustainability certification, the food versus fuel debate, and biofuels related calls in FP7. It was agreed that the focus of EBTP's contributions in the biofuels policy debate should lie on R&D related issues. The secretariat will monitor the biofuels debate with a focus on R&D issues as well as biofuel related FP7 calls, in order to facilitate relevant contribution from EBTP when appropriate.

Work plan 2008

This was the most essential part of the 12th Steering Committee Meeting. Three activities are in the current focus:

- The contribution of the EBTP to the European Industrial Initiative on Bio-energy (EII Bio-energy), which is part of the Strategic Energy Technology plan (SET Plan) of the EU. The primary step is to identify the bio-energy pathways most relevant to bring a significant contribution to the ambitious EU renewables and biofuels objectives, based on clear assumptions on feedstocks and policy framework. A list of such bio-energy pathways is being set up, from which the most critical technologies involved will be analysed, with a view of identifying the need for demonstration in order to accelerate their commercial deployment.
- Priority setting for the SRA/SDD items: in support of the work on EII Bio-energy, the members of the working group on prioritisation presented first draft recommendations on critical, i.e. decisive, bottlenecks on biomass feedstocks, conversion technologies, logistics & end-use as well as sustainability issues and the European position in these areas.
- The secretariat presented the new database developed to perform the mapping of key biofuels R&D projects of relevance to EBTP SRA, funded by the EU, Member States or other countries. The database is available in the stakeholders section on the TP website, and all users are encouraged to submit further projects. A small internal database on biofuel pilot and demo plants will follow.

Communication:

Since the last meeting, co-operation with other TPs was strengthened, especially in the Knowledge Based Bio Economy (KBBE) area.

Recent developments on the Biofuels TP website were highlighted and the planning process for the 2nd Stakeholder Plenary Meeting, probably in early 2009, was started.

The next Steering Committee Meeting will take place on the 24th September 2008.